

Acceptable Identification Documents

Primary Documents (P)

- 1. Current or expired U.S. or non-U.S. passport with photograph and signature
- 2. Current or expired Massachusetts Firearms Permit, with photograph, signature, and date of birth
- 3. School yearbook with applicant’s photograph and name
- 4. Certain Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services documents and other U.S. Government immigration documents (see Acceptable Immigration Documents below)
- 5. Current or expired U.S. military (or military dependent) ID with photograph, signature, and date of birth
- 6. Current or expired U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card with photograph, signature, and date of birth
- 7. Current Massachusetts learner’s permit or ID card
- 8. Expired Massachusetts driver’s license or ID card (not expired more than 1 year)
- 9. Current or expired license (not expired more than 1 year) with photograph, applicant’s signature, and date of birth that is issued by a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, a province of Canada, or a state of Mexico or the Federal District of Mexico City (a certified copy is acceptable)
- 10. Original birth certificate issued in the United States or its territories or a copy certified by the agency that issued the original certificate or a copy certified by a Bureau of Vital Statistics or a state Board of Health within the United States (a hospital issued certificate is not acceptable)
- 11. Certified or attested copy of a court order of a federal, state, or county court within the United States that contains a raised court seal and includes the applicant’s full name and date of birth (examples include an adoption document, a name change document, and a gender change document)
- 12. Original or certified copy of a baptismal certificate, provided the original certificate was issued within 1 year of the applicant’s birth by a church in the United States and contains the applicant’s date of birth
- 13. Original letter issued by the principal, headmaster, or official keeper of the records of a Massachusetts school that indicates the applicant is currently a resident student and that includes the applicant’s name and date of birth

Acceptable Immigration Documents

- 1. Certificate of Naturalization .....N-550, or N-570
- 2. Certificate of Citizenship .....N-560, or N-561
- 3. U.S. Citizen Identification Card.....I-179 or I-197
- 4. Resident Alien Card (“Green Card”).....I-151, I-551, AR-2, AR-3
- 5. Temporary Resident Identification Card.....I-688
- 6. Non-Resident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card.....I-185 or I-586
- 7. Record of Arrival or Departure (in valid Foreign Passport).....I-94
- 8. Processed for I-551 stamp (in valid, Foreign Passport)
- 9. Permanent Resident Re-entry Permit .....I-327
- 10. Refugee Travel Document .....I-571
- 11. Employment Authorization Card.....I-688A, I-688B, I-766
- 12. Documents specific to the applicant based upon decisions of the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Justice (including Executive Office for Immigration Review, Board of Immigration Appeals and former Immigration and Naturalization Service), or U.S. Department of Homeland Security (including Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.)

\*(An I-94 or I-551 and the valid foreign passport it is within, count as only one (1) Acceptable Document)

Secondary Documents (S)

- 1. Home mortgage, lease, or loan papers with the applicant’s name and signature
- 2. Life insurance papers with the applicant’s name, signature, and date of signing
- 3. U.S. military discharge papers (DD 214), with the applicant’s date of birth and signature
- 4. Notarized copy of a completed income tax return filed with the IRS or a state revenue department (not more than 1 year old if used to confirm residence). A W-2 form is not acceptable
- 5. A bank passbook, bank statement, or checkbook with the applicant’s pre-printed name and address
- 6. Original or certified copy of a divorce decree
- 7. Original or certified copy of a marriage certificate
- 8. Original or certified copy of a non-U.S. birth certificate (if not in English must be accompanied by an acceptable translation)
- 9. Current or expired ID (not expired more than 1 year) with photograph and applicant’s signature, issued by a U.S. agency; the District of Columbia, a state, a municipality, a territory, or a possession of the United States, a province of Canada, or a state of Mexico or the Federal District of Mexico City
- 10. Bureau of Indian Affairs or Indian Treaty Card (tribal ID is not acceptable)
- 11. A utility bill (no more than 60 days old) or a property tax or an excise tax bill that is for the current or the immediate prior year and that contains the applicant’s name and address
- 12. Canceled bank check (copy acceptable if issued as part of a monthly statement) with signature and preprinted address and dated not more than 60 days earlier
- 13. Original Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) Certificate of Discharge or Release
- 14. Current or expired non-U.S. driver’s license with applicant’s signature (if not in English must be accompanied by an International Driving Permit or another acceptable translation)
- 15. Tuition bill or student loan coupons with applicant’s current address
- 16. Original school transcript with name and address